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MR. DE GUIGNE,

Manager.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, ... 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, ... 100,000 Dollars.

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JAMES GREGG,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr Hugo Lübbes to sign our Firm at Foochow per procuration.

SIEMSEN & CO., Hongkong, May 18, 1876.

NOTICE.

I have this day authorized Mr J. Y. V. Shaw to sign my name per procuration.

A. MAGG. HEATON, Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

NOTICE.

M. THEOPHILUS GEE LINSTEAD is authorized to sign our Firm in Hongkong and Canton.

FURDON & CO., China, June 1, 1876.

NOTICE.

M. H. MUNSTER SCHULZ has been authorized to sign our Firm per procuration.

WIELER & CO., Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

WE have Established branches of our Firm at Haiphong and Hanol. Mr E. CONSTANTIN is authorized to sign by procuration in Tonquin.

LANDSTEIN & CO., Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have entered into Partnership from the First day of January, 1876, in the Business of Shipbrokers at this Port, under the style of MORRIS & RAY.

A. G. MORRIS, E. C. RAY, Bark Buildings, Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been appointed SURVEYOR to LLOYD'S REGISTER at this Port.

R. H. CAIRNS, 1, Club Chambers, Hongkong, April 20, 1876.

FOR SALE.

SAYLE & CO.

WE beg to call special attention to our Show-room and Ladies' Outfitting Department.

We are offering a fine assortment of Japanese Silks, which will wear well, at 65 cents per yard, worth \$1.

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A lot of Lace Goods at less than half price.

Made-up Wrappers and Costumes. Embroidered Skirts. Ladies' and Children's Under-clothing.

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Our Dressmaking Department is under the supervision of a Court Dressmaker.

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FOR SALE.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents. FOR SALE, Large Takasima Coal, at \$8 per ton, ex Godown. Small Takasima Coal, \$6 per ton, ex Godown.

Apply to T. G. GLOVER, No. 7, Queen's Road, and at East Point, Hongkong, May 16, 1876.

FOR SALE.

A NUMBER of NEW IRON WATER TANKS, 4 Feet square. Apply to CAPTAIN on BOARD, American Bark "American Lloyd," Hongkong, May 30, 1876.

INTIMATIONS.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

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G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, June 5, 1876.

F. KRUPP'S CAST STEEL WORKS, Essen (Germany). Sole Agent for China, F. PEIL, Honskong, SHANGHAI, CHINA (Germany).

LOONG SHING & CO., DEALERS IN ANCIENT CHINESE CURIOSITIES AND HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, No. 84, Wellington Street, HONGKONG.

INTIMATIONS.

THE MEDICAL HALL, 37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

ESTABLISHED 1853.

TH. KOFFER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, April 28, 1876.

HONGKONG.

Chs. J. GAUPP & CO., WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,

38, Queen's Road,

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,

CHRONOMETERS,

&c., &c., &c.,

Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

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NOTICE.

SAILMAKING DEPARTMENT.

DURING the Temporary Absence of our

Mr W. DOLAN, this Department

will be CARRIED ON as hereto

under the Superintendence of Ex-

perienced FOREMEN, who have acted in

this capacity under Mr Dolan for 18 years.

All Orders in this Branch of Business

will have our careful attention.

MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

Shipping.

INTIMATIONS.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

HEAD OFFICE, 28th May, 1876.

FROM for MESSAGES between this and GUTZLAFF is Reduced from \$4 to \$2 for 20 Words. Arrangements may be made for reporting by wire any Signals hoisted by Vessels passing.

GEORGE J. HELLAND, General Agent.

Hongkong, June 5, 1876.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

The Spanish Steamer

"SALVADORA,"

HORNACHE, Master, will leave for

the above Port, and will have

quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

REMEDIOS & CO.

**SUPPLEMENT
TO THE
CHINA MAIL.**

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, 6TH JUNE, 1876.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Inclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at the Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *k*, near the Kowloon shore *l*, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.	5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.	6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.	7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.	8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor-age.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignee or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Abbotsford	3 c	Patterson	Brit. str.	649	May 30	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	S'pore and Penang	7th, 3 p.m.
Alaska	4 k	Dearborn	Amer. str.	401	June 3	3 P. M. S. S. Co.	Y'ham & S. F'isco	10th, 15th
Altona	5 c	Müller	Ger. str.	1179	May 30	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Argyll	5 c	Scott	Brit. str.	1271	June 3	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Benledi	4 h	Buchanan	Brit. str.	999	June 3	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Butuan	4 h	Fremoya	Span. str.	257	May 30	H. Kier	Manila	8th, noon
Carisbrooke	5 c	Lloyd	Brit. str.	960	June 6	Chesacong		
Cassandra	4 c	Langer	Ger. str.	947	May 30	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Amoy	To-day
Cheung Hock Kian	4 c	Wobb	Brit. str.	1000	June 3	Soon Cheong & Co.	S'pore and Penang	
Cheops	3 h	Dryden	Brit. str.	983	May 18	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Columbian	5 k	Alderton	Brit. str.	1417	May 17	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Cyphrenes	5 c	Wood	Brit. str.	1280	May 22	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Douglas	5 h	Burnie	Brit. str.	864	June 4	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	To-day
Duna	4 c	Thomson	Brit. str.	850	June 4	Gilmans & Co.		
City of Exeter	8 h	Gordley	Brit. str.	787	June 2	Hop Kee	S'pore and Penang	
Feronia	4 h	Schulte	Ger. str.	1085	June 1	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Fuyew	4 c	Oxroad	Chi. str.	920	June 1	C. M. S. N. Co.		
Glamis Castle	4 c	Dickie	Brit. str.	1539	May 13	Adamson, Bell & Co.	S'pore and London	
Glaucus	5 c	Jackson	Brit. str.	1644	June 3	Butterfield & Swire	S'pore and Calcutta	
Hindostan	5 c	Gardiner	Brit. str.	991	June 3	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.		
Malacca	5 c	Shellard	Brit. str.	1050	May 31	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	
Mecca	4 h	Johnson	Brit. str.	687	May 23	Hop Kee		
Mikado	8 k	Moore	Brit. str.	303	May 26	Gilmans & Co.		
Ningpo	5 c	Rayner	Brit. str.	761	June 6	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Pardo	4 c	Power	Brit. str.	763	June 6	Landstein & Co.	Salgon	
Pasig	4 c	Lopez	Span. str.	117	May 7	Romedios & Co.		
Pawtuxet	2 k	.....	Amer. str.	280	June 18	Ang. Heard & Co.		Laid up
Quarts	3 c	Haye	Ger. str.	731	June 6	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Queensland	8 h	Craig	Brit. str.	1437	June 3	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Australian Ports	
Rajahannanuvar	3 h	Hopkins	Brit. str.	933	June 3	Vuen Fat Hong		
Rigs	.....	Clarke	Brit. str.	921	May 27	Order		
Salvadora	8 c	Hormaecheher	Span. str.	615	May 31	Remedios & Co.	Manila	Ab'deen Dock
Suez	5 c	Scarlet	Brit. str.	1300	June 3	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		7th, noon
Thales	5 h	Coles	Brit. str.	820	June 3	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Vasco de Gama	7 k	Rees	Brit. str.	2000	April 29	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Yotung	2 h	.....	Brit. str.	324	June 9	Kwok Acheong		Repairing
Sailing Vessels								
American Lloyds	4 k	Park	Amer. bqr.	510	May 21	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Anna	4 k	Jessen	Ger. bqr.	448	May 9	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Anna Dorothea	8 k	Schutt	Ger. bqr.	330	June 3	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Annie Fish	3 c	Hiffes	Amer. sh.	1496	April 23	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
August	4 k	Riis	Ger. bqr.	274	May 26	Eduard Schellhass & Co.		
Belfeld Will	3 c	Branthwaite	Brit. sh.	812	May 5	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Manila	
Bue-Pan	2 c	Möller	Siam. sh.	575	May 19	Kin-tye-loong		
British Crown	7 h	Andrew	Brit. bqr.	448	April 27	Meyer & Co.	London	
Calder	3 k	Walter	Brit. bqr.	482	June 5	Order		
Caroline	.....	Furness	Brit. sh.	987	May 15	Borneo Company	Cebu	
Charles Maureau	4 k	Quatrano	Fch. bqr.	368	May 24	Landstein & Co.	Newchwang	
Chas. C. Leary	3 c	Stephens	Amer. bqr.	644	April 24	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Cheng Soon	2 h	Cheng Sang	Siam. sh.	200	April 30	Chines		
Christina A. P.	3 c	Federico	Amer. sh.	175	Jan. 8	Order		
Clachnacudden	4 c	McDonald	Brit. bqr.	237	June 23	6 Captain		
Comet	4 c	Bray	Amer. sh.	1157	April 23	Russell & Co.		
Commissary	8 h	Hunter	Brit. sh.	900	April 23	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Crested Wave	1 c	Xenouf	Brit. bqr.	346	May 26	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Daylight	2 h	Redemaker	Siam. bqr.	447	May 17	Kin-tye-loong		
Deutschland	3 c	Hilmann	Ger. bqr.	269	May 18	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Dora	1 c	Lizarrango	Span. bg.	322	May 13	H. Kier		
Echo	4 c	Tozer	Brit. str.	363	June 3	Gilmans & Co.		
Emma	3 c	Graa	Ger. bqr.	340	May 21	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Evelyn	8 c	Knowles	Brit. bqr.	762	May 31	Melchers & Co.		
F. H. Drews	2 c	Vorates	Ger. bqr.	623	June 1	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Fasan	.....	Sandberg	Norw. bqr.	290	May 23	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Fetisch	2 k	Grieff	Ger. bqr.	441	June 6	Edward Schellhass & Co.	Manila	
Fontenaye	3 k	Taylor	Brit. sh.	635	June 1	Borneo Company		
Hongkong	2 h	Freudenberg	Siam. sh.	636	June 4	Mow Wah		
Hope	4 c	Boulton	Brit. bqr.	454	April 20	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London	
Bumboldt	4 k	Stoll	Ger. bqr.	330	June 24	Eduard Schellhass & Co.	Callao	
Iphigenia	4 c	Matzen	Ger. bqr.	464	April 24	Wm. Pustau & Co.	London	
J. H. Jessen	4 c	Rasmussen	Ger. bqr.	275	May 40	2 Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Manila	
Joaquina y Anna	4 c	McKeon	Brit. bqr.	500	April 10	Carlowitz & Co.		
John Milton	2 k	Kluth	Ger. bqr.	486	June 19	Siemssen & Co.		
Kate Tatham	2 h	Plumley	Brit. 3m.s.	237	May 19	Olyphant & Co.		
Kronprindsessen	3 c	Ronald	Brit. bqr.	464	June 5	5 Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Lizzie	2 h	Monkman	Brit. bqr.	582	May 14	6 Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Lord Macaulay	2 b	Rinesi	Ital. sh.	1013	May 18	Thos. Howard & Co.		
Lycka Till	2 h	Hall	Brit. 3m.s.	530	April 23	Rozario & Co.		
Marie Alfred	8 c	Pierce	Amer. sh.	1287	June 22	Edward Schellhass & Co.		
Marquis of Argyle	4 k	Brown	Brit. bqr.	392	May 29	Messagers Maritimes		
Martha Broekmann	2 k	Zwickoldt	Ger. 3m.s.	835	May 19	81 Melchers & Co.		
May	8 c	Stimson	Brit. bqr.	664	June 5	Siemssen & Co.		
Memento	3 c	Hansen	Dan. sh.	862	May 23	5 Rozario & Co.		
Miana	8 c	Morday	Brit. bqr.	582	May 14	11 Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Mount Lebanon	1 b	Bailey	Brit. 3m.s.	1226	April 23	12 Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Nautilus	.....	Blokey	Brit. bqr.	242	May 27	13 Edward Schellhass & Co.		
Nearchus	8 c	Pierce	Amer. sh.	1287	June 22	14 Remedios & Co.		
Northern Chief	4 k	Leedler	Fch. bqr.	546	May 29	15 Captain		
Oceanus	8 c	Christiansen	Brit. bqr.	250	May 22	16 Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Onward	2 b	McBride	Ger. bqr.	486	June 25	17 C. P. Holcomb		
Otter Caps	8 c	Thurde	Brit. bqr.	355	May 19	18 Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Papa	8 h	Saxtoph	Span. bqr.	220	May 14	19 Massingers Maritimes		</td

his legs. The 1st prisoner then rifled his pocket and took away a \$10 note. The 1st prisoner, after taking the note made a grab at his watch chain and broke off a portion of it with a locket attached. The 1st prisoner and the other European then ran away pursued by the prosecutor's companion Ito, but they escaped. Neitaro then returned on board his ship, when he was visited by a Police Sergeant (Lindsay) and returned ashore to make a report at the Station. The next day he went with Sergeant Lindsay to the Sailors' Home and identified the 1st prisoner. The broken chain in Court was his property. He could not recognise the 2nd prisoner as the other European.—The 1st prisoner made his defence as follows. On the night in question, he was in the British Crown public house with some of his shipmates, and about 10:30 p.m. when he was along the Queen's Road, he tripped on something which he discovered to be a piece of broken chain and a locket. The next morning he was paid off and went to the Sailors' Home. On the afternoon of that day he went to the British Crown Tavern and saw the 2nd prisoner, with whom he proceeded to buy the coat he had on just now. The 2nd prisoner asked him to give him ten cents, and he said to him "here is a piece of broken chain, you can have it and sell it." He accepted it and was playing with it when he was seen by P. C. 81, Thos. Ward, who took him into custody, and from what he said, the 1st prisoner was arrested at the Sailors' Home.—The 2nd prisoner admitted the correctness of the 1st prisoner's statement, so far as it related to himself. Both prisoners were committed for trial, but the 2nd was admitted to bail in \$25 to appear at the Supreme Court.

SUPREME COURT. IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION. (Before Mr Justice SNOWDER.)

June 6, 1876.

Stockhausen and another v. White, \$204.25.—The plaintiff are the proprietors of the Oriental Hotel, and the defendant an engineer in the employ of the Hong-kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company. The claim was for board and lodgings, refreshments and cash supplied to the defendant. The defendant addressed a letter to the officer of the Court stating his inability to pay at once but offering to pay by instalments of \$40 a month. Mr Stockhausen thought the defendant ought to be able to spare more than that out of his pay, as he was receiving \$110 a month, besides being found.

His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff and ordered instalments of \$60 a month, the first to be due on the 8th July.

Moral v. Gessco, \$80.—The claim was on a promissory note which the defendant admitted. He pleaded, however, for time, offering at the same time to pay \$25 down, another \$25 on the 16th and the balance at the end of the month.

The plaintiff refused these overtures, as he was going back to India by the next mail.

Judgment for the plaintiff, and the defendant was advised to arrange with the plaintiff as to payment.

Peter Smith v. Rayner, \$279.—This case was decided on the 23rd May last, when judgment was recorded in favour of the plaintiff, with leave to the defendant to come in hereafter to contest the claim, he being absent at the time. The claim, it may be remembered, was for board and lodging; the plaintiff was a boarding house keeper and the defendant was lately Chief Officer on board the river steamer *White Cloud*.

The plaintiff appeared to-day and admitted the debt but asked for time. He was not in a position to make any offer just now, as he had lost his situation through this action. Had the plaintiff had the forbearance to allow him to remain where he was instead of suing him, he would have been able to pay him something every month.

The plaintiff said he was driven to take the action by the behaviour of the defendant. He had been on board the *White Cloud* for several months and had not paid anything of his debt. If he had paid the smallest amount, the plaintiff would have been satisfied. The plaintiff wrote him a letter about this money but received no reply. On the steamer's arrival here, he spoke to the defendant about the letter and he replied that he had received it, but that he could not make any arrangement to pay him yet, as he owed other people money and had to pay them first. The plaintiff reminded him that his debt was for board and lodging, and should have been first paid. The plaintiff further told him, if he would not make any offer, he would have to summon him. To this the defendant replied that he could do so at once. Hence this action.

His Lordship confirmed his previous judgment, and advised defendant to arrange with the defendant.

Davis v. Butlin, \$20.—The plaintiff is the managing partner of Messrs Purdon & Co. in Victoria, and the defendant is the master of the steamship *Orchis*. The *Orchis* conveyed from London to Hongkong a box for the plaintiff, described in the bill of lading as containing "private effects." The bill of lading was signed by the defendant, and contained certain exceptions and conditions limiting his liability as a common carrier. One of these was that he received the box for conveyance "contents unknown." The box was delivered here to the consignee apparently in good order and condition as it had been received by him in the bill of lading, but it turned out that the top, which was nailed down, had been forced open, and part of the contents abstracted. The value of these is laid at \$20, and Mr Davis avers for this sum to try the right of consignees under such circumstances to recover damages. It is necessary to consider the effect of words in a bill of lading limiting the liability of shipowner or master, because that document forms the contract of conveyance. Had the box been entirely lost, as between the master who signed the contract and the consignee, the bill of lading would have been indisputable proof—by the Bills of Lading Ordinance—of the receipt of the goods. But the box was conveyed and delivered, part of the contents only being lost. The words "in good order and condition" it has been decided, refer only to the external condition of the box, and the master therefore made no engagement as to the interior. Moreover, he says: "I do not know the contents." Now the legal

effect of this statement is that he is accountable for whatever the box can be proved to have contained when put on board his ship. In *Lebeau v. The General Steam Navigation Co.*, 42 L. J. C. P., p. 1, and *The Prospective v. Alasco*, 22, L. Times Ad. 622, the meaning of the usual words of limitation, "measure, weight, contents unknown," is discussed. In the former case, a bundle of silk had been incorrectly misdescribed as "cotton," and shipped as such. A bale was stolen during the voyage (as the Jury who tried the case found) by a passenger or a seaman. Chief Justice Boillay laid it down that the effect of the misdescription was waived by the words "contents unknown" and that the ship-owner was liable for whatever the bale was really proved to have contained. In this case Mr Davis is unable to prove what was inside the box when put on board. It had been packed in Edinburgh and had gone through a long journey by railway, and the probabilities are just as great that it had been opened on the luggage van of the railway as on board the *Orchis*. *Clark and Barnes* 12 How. p. 272, quoted in *Parsons on Shipping*, contains the whole law on this subject and well deserves study. But it is said the presumption is that thieves on board the *Orchis* opened the box, and a carrier is liable for loss by theft of his own servants. The meaning of the exception of loss by "thieves" is discussed in *Taylor v. The Liverpool Great Western Steamship Company*, 43 L.J. 9 B. 205. It was there held that from the analogy from contracts of insurance "thieves" must be taken to mean "outside thieves," and that it is against them that the master protected himself and not against those inside the ship, and that the onus of proving that the case falls within the exception lies upon the person who seeks to excuse himself. Here the word used is "robbers," which *a fortiori* implies theft by outside people if not by violence, so that if the presumption could apply that the thief had been committed on board, the master would not have been protected. But as I have said the presumption does not arise on account of the previous railway journey, and the master having limited his liability as to the contents he cannot be made responsible for the abstracted goods. There must be judgment for the defendant with costs.

Mr Sharp appeared for the plaintiff and Mr Breerton for the defendant.

China.

(Courier and Gazette.)

The excitement on account of the rapid rising of the rate of exchange on Mexican dollars has called forth a proclamation on the part of the Tao-tai. This has been circulated and posted at the city gates during the afternoon (23rd May).

The proclamation of the Tao-tai respecting the speculation in silver by the Chinese, which we mentioned in one of our late issues, has been followed up by what we are bound to call an act of arbitrariness which can only be witnessed in China. The ten Chinese merchants that were ascertained to have made the greatest gain by the speculation were ordered by the Tao-tai to pay to the Tao-tai 25 for 2nd chop to Ts. 37.50 for pest; Sun Yong, Ts. 25 a 42; Yung Low Tonge, Ts. 25 a 33; Oanfaas, Ch. 27 a 41 (the "Sun Chong") Monarch Chop being bought this year for Russia at Ts. 37.50; Ping Kong, Ts. 23.50 a 29.50; Lyé Lings, Ts. 22.50 a 24.50; Seangtams, Ts. 15.10 a 23.

Lye Lings.—With the exception of a few boxes settled at Ts. 23.50 a 24.50, which are equal to last season's Teas, the bulk are mixed with Seangtams leaf and highly undesirable.

Prices are so irregular as to render it impossible to quote a comparison with opening rates. Many settlements show a considerable decline, while others on the contrary are in our opinion much worse value than the earlier purchases.

With regard to Kiukiang Teas, our opinion after a closer inspection is, that the best chaps of Ninghows are quite equal to, if not better than last year, and that so far, for England; the best value of the season has been obtained in Ninghows for Ts. 27 a 36. Ho Hows are mixed in leaf and decidedly inferior to last year. Settlements have been made at Ts. 24 a 27.

Total arrivals of Hankow Tea amount to 180,000 chests, against 179,000 chests last year, and the unsold stock is estimated at 50,000 chests against 18,000 chests.

Minerals of 21,000 half-chests Ninghows and Ho Hows are likewise on offer, against 20,000 half-chests at same date last year.

The Export to date as per Customs' Returns stands thus:

As per last report..... 4,998,773 lbs

May 21st, Cleared (filled

up at Kiukiang before

arrival here)..... 1,870,918

6,869,691 lbs.

against last year in four stra. 9,133,476 lbs.

Frights.—*The Flora Caffia* and *Stad Amsterdam* are loading for London at £2 8s, and the *Galeys of Lorraine* at £4 per ton of 40ft. The *Cawdor Castle* and *Venice* are in port, and the *Flintshire* is daily expected. The through rate of Freight by the mail steamer is £4 15s. and by *Hol's* line £4 5s. per ton. The ship *Cultry Sark* is on the berth for London at £4 6s. per ton of 50 ft.

SOOCHOW.

May 22nd.

There are several ways of acquiring notoriety, but probably the method adopted by an inhabitant of this city has the merit of novelty. He was a maker of curtainhooks and such-like necessaries, and was in a tolerably large way of business. With a flourishing trade, a wife with whom he never had a quarrel, and a not over-large family, he was envied by his friends and neighbours as a favourite of Heaven. Suddenly one day he disappeared. He told his wife he was going to make some extensive purchases for his business, and, providing himself with about \$200, went off, never to return. After much anxious waiting, a letter was at last discovered inserted between the leaves of one of his account books. In the envelope was a carefully drawn out account of all he was owed, or was owing, and a list of his debtors, together with a note to his wife. It did not exactly begin with the epitaph "Weep not for me" etc., but it was to a similar purpose, in that he vowed he should never return to his home. "Seek me not," he added, in the manner

of a melodrama, "for you will never find me; henceforth, I am lost to the world. I am going to become a Buddhist priest. My name, my family, my property, I renounce them all." Unfortunately he made an exception of the ready-money he possessed, and which he took with him. Then followed various touching instructions as in the manner of a last will and testament. "Let our eldest daughter who is already engaged to be married, be given to her fiancé: with the younger, do what you think proper: for yourself, no longer my wife, my advice is, that you cut off your hair, and becomes nun, or if you do not like this, you can marry another husband."

May 23rd, 1876.

Last night a fire broke out at Bah Siong, and raged fiercely for several hours, and twenty-five houses were burnt. The Cho-hsien of Ningpo has "lost face" considerably lately, owing to the non-success of the candidates for degrees at the Peking Examination. Ningpo sent sixty-five competitors and none of them were successful, while Chin-hai which only sent eleven, has the honour of having three second-degree men, and Tsie-kieh which sent nine, has also three. Last year, however, Ningpo had, I believe, thirty successful men.

A Chinaman in the city is exhibiting the "staff that gas is made of." He has an admiring crowd round him, and makes a few honest cash by the transaction.

A foreigner, at present at this port, has unexpectedly had a considerable sum of

of a melon, "for you will never find me; henceforth, I am lost to the world. I am going to become a Buddhist priest. My name, my family, my property, I renounce them all." Unfortunately he made an exception of the ready-money he possessed, and which he took with him. Then followed various touching instructions as in the manner of a last will and testament. "Let our eldest daughter who is already engaged to be married, be given to her fiancé: with the younger, do what you think proper: for yourself, no longer my wife, my advice is, that you cut off your hair, and becomes nun, or if you do not like this, you can marry another husband."

The mourning wife of this foolish devotee having no great taste for religion, nor relishing much better the other alternative of the letter, has gone in quest of her unnatural spouse. It is thought he may be at Hoochow, where there is a temple for the reception of new relatives; especially of those, no doubt, who can pay their way with \$200 of their pockets.

The incident reminds one of the first Emperor of the present dynasty, who resigned his throne in order to become a Buddhist priest, and entered a temple at Hangchow. The story is well known among the Chinese, and is one of the little stories they love to indulge in when speaking privately of the Tartars. In all histories this first Emperor, father of Kang-hi, is said to have died after a reign of sixteen to eighteen years: but the facts, according to the Chinese, are as above. It is also stated that the ex-Emperor in the capacity of a priest met his son who had succeeded to the throne, but was not recognized.—Shanghai Courier.

TIENTIN.

May 20th.

The principal topic of discussion among the natives of this port, during the past week, has been the late fire, which destroyed the Arsenal in the city. Many poor people who have been turned out of house and home to make way for these costly military tinder-boxes, may perhaps justly feel that their great wrongs are in part avenged. It is said that nobody dares to say how the fire originated for fear of unscrupulously parting with his head, but it is reported that it issued from the kitchen, that a small mandarin on the premises was smoking opium and fell asleep, etc., etc. But the orthodox explanation, apparently accepted in the higher circles, is that of a spontaneous combustion, similar to that which some time ago caused the extinction of Nadab and Abihu. The mandarin in charge, of whom the chief is said to be one Liu, of the rank of Tao-tai, has certainly been guilty of offering "strange fire" on their altar. Foreign muckets, any number of Congreve rockets, a Krupp gun, and general military stores, all of which are destroyed, are among the items over which this Liu and his comrades woe. It is reported that this individual has been or will be degraded, but no one seems to know anything definitely. It is also reported that several hundred pounds of powder had been removed only the day before to some place or places whose locality is as vague as that of Utopia. The damage is variously estimated at from two to three hundred thousand taels.

Other fires are constantly occurring. Four murders were committed in the last week, in one single half day. The weather is an immense improvement on that of last week, but there are no signs of further rain.—Shanghai Courier.

PEKING.

The belief of the Chinese in the efficacy of certain forms of appeal to the powers of nature in time of need, has received fresh corroboration within the last few days, by the result of the endeavour to induce a fall of rain, after the long protracted, and ingloriously endless drought, by the production of the mysterious *tieh pi* or iron tablet which ordinarily reposes at the bottom of a cistern in the Han-tan district, in the southern part of the province of Chihli. According to the superstition locally prevailing, this tablet is connected in some special manner with the cloud-compelling powers of the Dragon gods; and in times of drought it has been customary to raise it from its watery bed, and to offer incense before it as a certain means of propitiating the supernal powers. The tablet is said to have been first heard of at Peking in 1870, when a drought was experienced. One of the secretaries of the Foreign Office, a native of the Han-tan district, called attention to the virtues of the tablet, and a mission was despatched to bring it to Peking, with instant good results. This year, after the entire failure of His Majesty and the whole body of Imperial princes to move, by any number of propitiatory sacrifices at the State temples, the pitiless heavens into distressing the moisture upon the parched and famine-threatened land, one of the high dignitaries of the capital was at length despatched, rather with an ill grace, to bring in the iron tablet from Han-tan, where it was accordingly once more fished up from its pool. 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